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Description: ff. ii (parchment) + 134 + i (parchment) - Bound, s. XIX, in wooden boards with brown morocco back. - Florence, Panciatichi collection, s. XVIII; sold by A. Luigi Della Biane of Florence in 1872 to Prince Baldassare Boncompagni (1821-1894); his sale, 1898, n. 336; owned by George A. Plimpton (1855-1936) by 1908. - De Ricci, p. 1783.

Number of Parts: 1 - *Number of Images Available:* 14

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Language: Italian *Country:* Italy *Century:* 15th

Part 1: ff. 1-134v

Description: - Paper - 293 x 216 mm - 31-35 long lines in lead.

Country: Italy
Cardinal point:
Region: Tuscany?
City: Florence?
Assigned Date: s. XV
Searchable Date Range: 1400 - 1499
Dated by scribe: No
Inscribed Date:
Document: No
Number of Scribes: ;
Script: Mercantesca.
Figurative Decoration: Pen and ink drawings to represent arithmetical problems.
Other Decoration: Diagrams.
Number of Texts: 3

Text 1: ff. 1-123v

Author: Paolo dell'Abbaco
Title: Trattato di tutta l'arte dell'abacho
Language(s): Italian

f. 1 Red and black parted initial; book plate of the Panciatichi of Florence.

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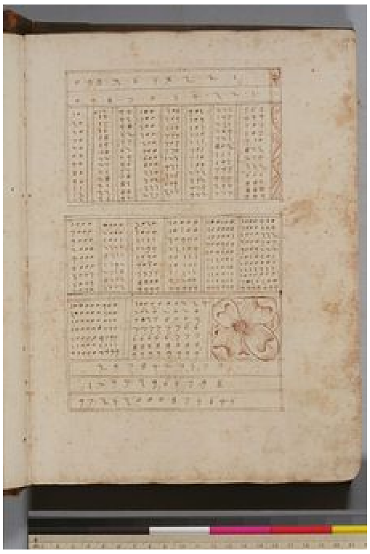

f. 4 Chart with arabic numerals; drawing of flower.

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f. 48v Arithmetical problem on amount of cloth necessary to make a tent; drawing.

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f. 60 Arithmetical problem on a broken ship's mast; drawing.

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f. 76 Arithmetical problem on the relative area occupied by a square Rome and a triangular Constantinople; drawings.

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f. 77 Arithmetical problems on the weight of a fish and on the number of apples gathered in a garden, as 1/2 are given away to each of 3 gatekeepers; drawings.

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f. 78v Arithmetical problems on the length of a ship's voyage and on the relative weights of different parts of a chalice; drawings.

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f. 86 Arithmetical problem on the number of tiles needed to pave a loggia; drawing.

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f. 106 Drawings of sun and moon; the year "1339" used in the text (Chominciamo chosi che nel 1339 ....

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f. 118v Chart for horoscopes, but with recognition that power is with God.

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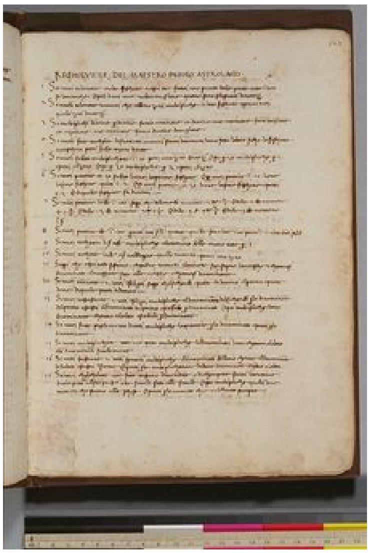

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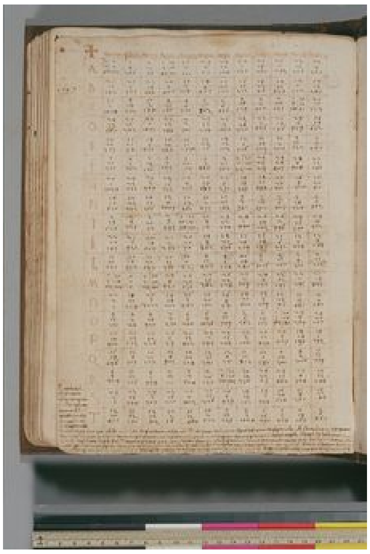

f. 123v Chart for metonic cycle; added marginal notes mentioning the cycle 1395-1412, beginning again at A for 1413.

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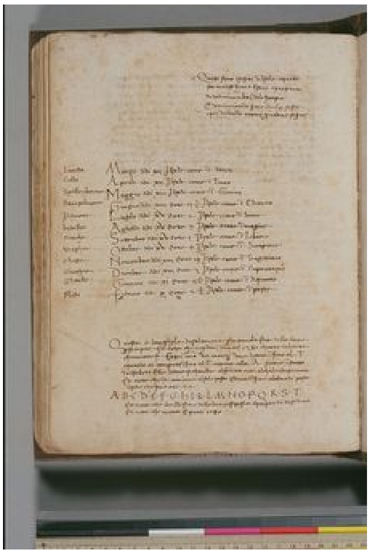

f. 132v List of parts of the body governed by the sun in various signs of the zodiac; note on metonic cycles beginning with 1380.

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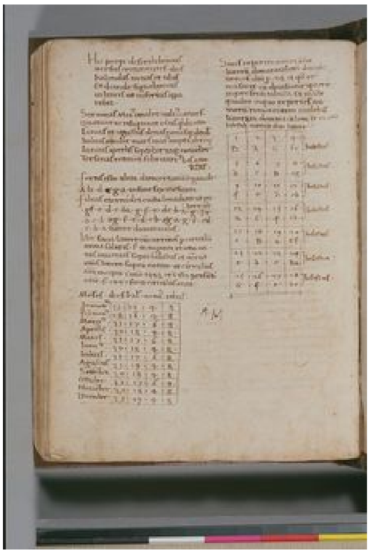

f. 133v Calendrical verses and notes mentioning end of a cycle in isto presenti anno scilicet 1447

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Text 2: ff. 124-127
Title: Medical recipes
Language(s): Italian

Text 3: ff. 127-131
Author: Arnold of Villa Nova
Title: Medical treatise
Language(s): Italian
Notes: ff. 131v-134, added notes; f. 134v, blank.

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